

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION 2008 MEETING DEADLINES

Submission of the Notification of Intent to Submit a Proposal (NISP) or the Intent to Submit a Program Application (ISPA): Commission policy requires the submission of these documents prior to submission of the proposal (senior institutions) or application (two-year institutions) for a new program. The NISP [senior institutions] or ISPA [two-year institutions] remains in effect for a year. If the proposal or application is not submitted within that year, a new NISP or ISPA must be submitted.

Because these preliminary documents remain in effect for a year, there are no posted deadlines for their submission. However, the following requirements should be kept in mind when anticipating the submission of a proposal or an application for a new program.

NISP: The NISP must be submitted at least two months before the submission of the proposal.

ISPA: The ISPA first must be submitted by the institution to the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education (ADPE). ADPE will review the ISPA and submit it to the Commission at least one month before submission of the program application.

For the "Procedures for the Evaluation and Review of New Programs of Instruction," see the following page at the Commission's website:
<http://www.ache.state.al.us/Acadaffr/NewProg/Review.PDF> .

In addition to a transmittal letter and one paper copy, please send an electronic version to [Margaret Pearson](#), Academic Program Review Analyst.

Deadlines for New Academic Program Proposals:

For consideration of proposals for new academic proposals, submit the proposal no later than the date indicated. Placement of items on a particular meeting agenda even when the deadline is met may be dependent upon the volume of proposals and other items received. The timeliness of peer review (when required) may also be a factor. Therefore, it is advisable to submit proposals as early as possible.

Deadlines for graduate and first professional program proposals are calculated to allow the minimum time necessary for the review by the Alabama Council of Graduate Deans and the Commission staff.

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Note to Community and Technical Colleges: The schedule does not take into account any Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education (ADPE) deadlines. Please check with ADPE for additional requirements.

Meeting Date	Deadline for Receipt of Certificate, Associate, and Baccalaureate Proposals	Deadline for Graduate and First Professional Program Proposals
March 28, 2008	December 7, 2007	December 7, 2007
June 27, 2008	March 28, 2008	March 7, 2008
September 19, 2008	June 27, 2008	May 30, 2008
December 12, 2008	September 19, 2008	August 22, 2008

In addition to a transmittal letter and one paper copy, please send an electronic version of program proposals to [Margaret Pearson](#), Academic Program Review Analyst.

Deadlines for Off-Campus Items to Be Presented to the Commission:

These items include both exempt and non-exempt Off-Campus items.

Meeting Date	Deadline for Receipt of Proposals
March 28, 2008	January 28, 2008
June 27, 2008	April 27, 2008
September 19, 2008	July 19, 2008
December 12, 2008	October 12, 2008

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Deadlines for Other Decision and Information Items to Be Presented to the Commission:

Other items to be presented to the Commission must be submitted according to the following schedule. These items include: Extensions and Alterations (both substantive and non-substantive); and information items.

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